



ANNUAL REPORTS

for the Town of

Sharon

New Hampshire

for the twelve months

ending December 31,

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, John Milton Street	Term expires: 1954
Selectmen, Charles R. Calef	Term expires: 1954
Kenneth D. Plimpton	Term expires: 1955
John W. Danforth, Jr.	Term expires: 1956
Town Clerk, Winifred H. Clark	Term expires: 1954
Treasurer, Nora F. Calef	Term expires: 1954
Collector of Taxes, Chester A. Hurd	Term expires: 1954
Town Fire Warden, Chester A. Hurd	Term expires: 1954
Forest Fire Wardens, Chester A. Hurd, Appointed	
Harrison Kimball, Appointed	
Robert Young, Appointed	
Lester Stevens, Appointed	
Supervisors of the Checklist, Wayne J. Lawlor	Term expires: 1954
Emily A. Day	Term expires: 1954
Elizabeth J. Hurd	Term expires: 1954
Highway Agent, Harold A. Wilson	Term expires: 1954
Trustee of Trust Funds, John W. Danforth, Jr.	Term expires: 1954

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Sharon for the year ended December 31, 1953, except for the records of the Trustee of Trust Funds, who is absent on military service until April, 1954. A clerical error in the Town Clerk's account resulted in a shortage of \$3.00, which has been remitted to the Town Treasurer. The Tax Collector over-remitted to the Town Treasurer by \$1.25.

The exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town, together with the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN MILTON STREET
 Auditor, Town of Sharon

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Brick School House in said Sharon on Tuesday, the ninth of March next at 8:00 P. M. of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors or Committees and Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing: specifically, Town Clerk, 1 year; Selectman for 3 years; Tax Collector, 1 year; Highway Agent, 1 year; Treasurer, 1 year; Trustee of Trust Funds, 1 year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to establish the amount which shall be paid the Town Officers for their services or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for Town expenses, including payment of Workmen's Compensation insurance of \$100.00.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary for the care of cemeteries, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the town health officer, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for fire protection, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22.00 (1-100th of 1% of the valuation of the Town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southwestern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for summer maintenance, bridge repair, culverts for Mountain Road and road signs.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate

the sum of \$1,800.00 to oil and sand Temple Road from the Temple Line to the junction of Route 123; and Spring Hill Road from Wilson Corner to Hamilton Corner.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$173.06 for Class IV and Class V construction, reconstruction or betterment aid and the State will contribute \$1,153.71. This is in accordance with Chapter 83 Laws of 1951 as amended by Chapter 31 Laws of 1953.

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of plowing and sanding.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used for Blister Rust control.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to have an audit made by the State Tax Commission, Division of Municipal Accounting; or vote to have the audit made by an elected official or officials, and make an appropriation to cover the expense of same.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars in anticipation of taxes.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the Brick School House from the School District for the sum of \$1.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the Jarmany Hill school lot from the School District for the sum of \$1.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the installation of a heating unit; to buy files and desk or table, and to make general repairs, specifically, the ceiling of the Brick School House.

Article 19. To see if the Town will transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Article 20. Shall the provisions of Act 171A of the Revised Laws relative to the play game of Beano be adopted in this town?

Given under our hands and seal this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty four:

KENNETH D. PLIMPTON
CHARLES R. CALEF
Selectmen of Sharon

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

KENNETH D. PLIMPTON
CHARLES R. CALEF
Selectmen of Sharon

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$5,900 00	\$6,429 89	\$6,500 00
Savings Bank Tax	11 00	8 98	9 00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	13 00	13 62	14 00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	400 00		135 64
For Fighting Forest Fires		81 39	
Blister Rust		50	
Bounties	5 00	10 50	46 25
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	33 00	51 60	50 00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	50	50	50
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	50		
Income from Departments:			
(c) Fire		78 68	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	530 00	546 69	550 00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Temporary Loan	2,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Cash Surplus	1,031 08	1,030 97	275 68
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	66 00	66 00	66 00
(b) Yield Tax	150 00	58 08	259 00
(c) Head Tax	225 00	240 00	230 00
(d) Property Tax 1952 & 1953		4 20	144 02
TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$10,365 08	\$11,621 60	\$11,280 09
Amt. to be Raised by Property Taxes	5,775 66	4,614 28	5,990 37
TOTAL REVENUES			\$17,270 46

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SHARON, N. H.

Purpose of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1954
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$755 00	\$766 61	\$755 00
Town Officers' Expenses	500 00	562 95	600 00
Election and Registration Expenses	100 00	87 20	200 00
Abatements		14 00	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.			800 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department	600 00	656 06	200 00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust & Care of Trees	200 00	200 00	200 00
Insurance	92 18	92 18	100 00
Bounties		46 25	25 00
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	15 00	15 00	15 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer & Bridges	1,500 00	1,498 50	1,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,500 00	1,017 04	1,500 00
Street Lighting	73 44	73 44	175 00
Town Road Aid	170 38	170 38	173 06
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	125 00	51 00	125 00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses, Incl.			
Dog Damage	39 00	38 42	100 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	20 00	20 00	22 00
Head Tax		432 40	230 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans		18 67	20 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction—Tar	1,800 00	1,799 72	1,800 00
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Temporary Loans	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	1,300 09	1,300 09	1,400 00
School Taxes	4,330 40	4,330 40	4,330 40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$16,120 49	\$16,190 31	\$17,270 46

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—1953

	Appropriations	Expended	Unexpended	Balance Overdrawn
Town Officers Salaries and Expenses	\$1,255 00	\$1,332 98		\$77 98
Town Officers Expenses for Election and Registration	100 00	87 20	\$12 80	
Fire Equipment	500 00	264 30	235 70	
Health Department	15 00	15 00		
Audit	35 00	35 00		
Insurance	0 00	92 18		92 18
Fire Fighting	100 00	391 76		291 76
Blister Rust Control	200 00	200 00		
Bounties	46 25	46 25		
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	1,500 00	1,498 50	1 50	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,500 00	1,017 04	482 96	
TRA	170 38	170 38		
Tar	1,800 00	1,799 72	28	
Street Lights	73 44	73 44		
Abatements	14 00	14 00		14 00
Cemeteries	125 00	51 00	74 00	
County Tax	1,300 09	1,300 09		
School Tax	4,330 40	4,330 40		
Head Tax	432 40	432 40		
Interest	18 67	18 67		
Monadnock Region Ass'n	20 00	20 00		
Temporary Loan	3,000 00	3,000 00		
	<u>\$16,521 63</u>	<u>\$16 190 31</u>	<u>\$807 24</u>	<u>\$475 92</u>

BALANCE SHEET 1952 and 1953

ASSETS

	1952	1953
Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$2,261 08	\$1,275 68
Bounties due from state	10 50	46 25
Uncollected taxes	4 20	144 02
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	\$2,275 78	\$1,465 95

LIABILITIES

Head tax due state	\$230 00	\$0 00
School Appropriation	1,000 00	1,000 00
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	\$1,230 00	\$1,000 00
Surplus	1,045 78	465 95
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	\$2,275 78	\$1,465 95

CLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND
EXPENDITURES AND PROOF OF BALANCE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Balance—December 31, 1952	\$2,261 08	
Receipts	15,204 91	
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	\$17,465 99	
Expenditures	16,190 31	
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Balance—December 31, 1953		\$1,275 68

PROOF OF BALANCE

Balance in First National Bank of Peterborough as per statement— December 31, 1953	\$3,274 15	
Less outstanding checks	2,006 82	
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	\$1,267 33	
Deposits not credited	8 35	
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		\$1,275 68

RECEIPTS—YEAR 1953

From Local Taxes		
Levy of 1953:		
Property taxes	\$4,614 28	
Poll taxes	66 00	
Head tax	240 00	
Yield tax	58 08	
Levy of 1952:		
Property taxes	4 20	
	<hr/>	\$4,982 56
From State of N. H.:		
Interest, Dividend tax	\$6,429 89	
Savings Bank tax	8 98	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal		
forest lands	13 62	
Fighting forest fires	81 39	
Bounties	10 50	
Blister Rust refund	50	
	<hr/>	\$6,544 88
From Local Sources, except taxes:		
Dog licenses	\$51 60	
All other permits	50	
Fire	78 68	
Motor Vehicle permits	546 69	
	<hr/>	\$677 47
Temporary Loan		3,000 00
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Cash on Hand		\$15,204 91
		2,261 08
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Grand Total		\$17,465 99

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Kenneth D. Plimpton, Selectman	\$175 00
Charles R. Calef, Selectman	125 00
John W. Danforth, Jr., Selectman	125 00
J. Milton Street, Moderator	10 00
Winifred H. Clark, Town Clerk	100 00
Nora F. Calef, Treasurer	75 00
Chester A. Hurd, Tax Collector	116 90
A. Lester Stevens, 1953 Head Tax collection	4 71
John W. Danforth, Jr., Trustee of Trust Funds	10 00
Chester A. Hurd, Fire Warden	25 00
Kenneth D. Plimpton, T.O.E.	45 30
Charles R. Calef, T.O.E.	96 25
John W. Danforth, Jr., T.O.E.	28 35
Winifred H. Clark, T.O.E. and Auto tax fees	27 50
Nora F. Calef, Auto tax fees	9 00
Nora F. Calef, T.O.E.	13 44
Chester A. Hurd, T.O.E.	38 30
Wayne J. Lawlor, Supervisor, Elec. & Reg.	12 00
Emily A. Day, Supervisor, Elec. & Reg.	12 00
Elizabeth J. Hurd, Supervisor, Elec. & Reg.	12 00
Kenneth D. Plimpton, Elec. & Reg.	6 80
Charles R. Calef, Elec. & Reg.	8 80
John W. Danforth, Jr., Elec. & Reg.	6 80
Nora F. Calef, Elec. & Reg.	6 80
Perkins Bass, Elec. & Reg.	5 00
Sim's Press, Elec. & Reg.	17 00
Chester A. Hurd, Fire Meeting	7 25
Harrison Kimball, Fire Meeting	9 29
Robert Young, Fire Meeting	6 28
Treasurer School District	4,330 40
Monadnock Region Assn.	20 00
Transcript Printing Co.	193 00
Registry of Deeds	4 06
J. Milton Street, Audit	35 00
John Bellows Agency, Bonds	35 00
John Bellows Agency, Workmen's Comp.	92 18
Telephone	4 86
Edson Eastman, Tax book etc.	8 32
C. Edward Bourassa, Registry Probate	10
William L. Young, Cord wood	23 00
William H. Messeck, Jr., Moth exterm.	200 00
Fire	364 94
Fire holes and hose	264 30
Steele's Book Store	4 00
Postage & Envelopes	10 47
Assn. of N. H. Assessors	3 00
N. H. Tax Collectors Assn.	3 00

State of New Hampshire, Head Tax	432 40
N. H. Town Clerks Assn.	2 00
Sharon Repair Ctr., Cemeteries	51 00
First National Bank, Interest	18 67
First National Bank, Temp. loan	3,000 00
County Tax	1,300 09
Dr. C. G. Caywood	15 00
Branham Ptg. Co., Auto Ref. Book	4 00
T.R.A.	170 38
Damage by Dogs	3 42
Public Service Co., Street Lighting	73 44
Abatements, Head Tax	10 00
Abatements, Poll Tax	4 00
A. Lester Stevens, Bounties	42 25
Kenneth Wilkens, Bounties	2 00
J. Milton Street, Bounties	1 50
Wayne Wilson, Bounties	50
Dr. Forrest Tenney	14 00

\$11,875 05

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAX WARRANTS
LEVY OF 1953

DEBIT		
Total Property, Poll & National Bank Stock Taxes Committed to Collector (Warrant as Verified)	\$4,817 05	
Yield Taxes Committed to Collector	58 08	
Added Taxes Committed to Collector	6 00	
Interest Collected	0 00	
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Total Debits		\$4,881 13
CREDIT		
Total Remittances to Treasurer	\$4,738 36	
Discount Allowed	0 00	
Abatements Allowed	0 00	
Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's List	144 02	
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Total Credits		\$4,882 38

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAX WARRANTS
LEVY OF 1952

DEBIT		
Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1953	\$4 20	
Added Taxes During 1953	0 00	
Interest Collected During 1953	0 00	
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Total Debits		\$4 20
CREDIT		
Remittances to Treasurer During 1953	\$4 20	
Abatements Allowed During 1953	0 00	
Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's List	0 00	
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Total Credits		\$4 20

TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT
STATE HEAD TAX WARRANT
LEVY OF 1953

DEBIT		
State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Original Warrant	\$230 00	
Added Taxes	10 00	
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Total Commitment		\$240 00
Penalties Collected		0 00
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Total Debits		\$240 00

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	\$240 00	
Penalties	0 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 00
Abatements		0 00
Uncollected Head Taxes as Per Collector's List		0 00
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Total Credits		\$240 00

TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

DEBIT

1952 Permits Issued:		
Serial Numbers 210817 to 210818	\$2 45	
1953 Permits Issued:		
Serial Numbers 222951 to 223022	547 24	
	<hr/>	\$549 69

CREDIT

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Account of 1952 Permits	\$2 45	
Account of 1953 Permits	544 24	
	<hr/>	\$546 69

DOG LICENSES

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

DEBIT

Total Amount of Dog Licenses Issued		\$56 00
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CREDIT

Total Remittances to Treasurer a/c Dog		
Licenses	\$51 60	
Fees Retained by Clerk	4 40	
	<hr/>	\$56 00

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT—1953

SUMMER MAINTENANCE & BRIDGES

HAROLD A. WILSON, Agent

Town Road Maintenance:

H. A. Wilson, Agent	\$266 20	
H. A. Wilson, Truck	485 70	
Arthur Whitcomb, Patch	7 00	
L. Clarke, Patch	32 50	
E. Elliott, Shovel	124 00	
Alton Eaves, Labor	30 00	
Jason Sawyer, Brush cutting	56 00	
Waite Wilson, Labor	6 00	
R. H. Wilson, Truck	54 00	
R. H. Wilson, Tractor	19 50	
R. H. Wilson, Chain saw	12 00	
United Auto Supply Co.	45	
Henry Belletette, Gravel	1 40	
H. A. Wilson, Materials	8 75	
H. Miller, Grader	126 75	
Clyde Eaton, Labor & materials	16 50	
Mason Harris, Sand	5 00	
J. Kulish, Labor	63 00	
Carey Johnson, Dynamite	5 00	
Goodnow Bros. Co.	11 65	
Peterborough Highway Dept.	7 60	
Total		\$1,339 00

Bridges:

H. A. Wilson, Agent	\$35 20
Mason Harris	5 00
Andrew Elliot, Tank for Bridge	35 00
Edward Elliot, Shovel	44 00
H. A. Wilson, Materials	26 80
Arthur Maki, Acetylene Torch	10 00
Monadnock Lumber Co.	3 50

Total \$159 50

\$158.20 included in Town Road Maintenance spent for roadside brush cutting.

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT

WINTER MAINTENANCE

HAROLD A. WILSON, Agent

H. A. Wilson, Agent	\$75 90
Alton Eaves, Labor	137 50
H. A. Wilson, Truck	432 85

R. H. Wilson, Truck	49 50	
Waite Wilson, Labor	8 00	
H. A. Wilson, Materials	10 19	
Martin Keenan, Insurance on Tractor	55 05	
Sharon Repair Center, Repairs	40 70	
H. Miller, Use and repair of sander	12 00	
R. H. Wilson, Labor	2 00	
Mason Harris, Sand	15 00	
C. C. Dyer, Cleaning & painting tractor	60 00	
R. C. Hazelton	44 66	
Greenville Grain Co.	26 00	
J. Kulish, Labor	7 00	
D. A. Eaves	2 32	
H. Belletette, Loading gravel	15 00	
Town of Jaffrey, Sand & gravel	6 00	
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co.	14 10	
Warren White, Labor	1 00	
R. H. Wilson, Power saw	3 00	
Total		\$1,017 77
Credit to Town		73
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		\$1,017 04

HIGHWAY AGENT'S REPORT—1953

TAR APPROPRIATION

HAROLD A. WILSON, Agent

H. A. Wilson, Agent	\$26 95	
H. A. Wilson, Truck	93 60	
R. H. Wilson, Tractor	42 25	
R. H. Wilson, Truck	94 50	
H. Miller, Grader	87 75	
Clyde Eaton, Equipment & labor	48 00	
H. A. Wilson, Sand	7 50	
Town of Peterborough, Sander	4 00	
Trimount Bituminous Products Co.	1,411 54	
Total		\$1,816 09
Credit on tar		16 37
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		\$1,799 72

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE ON TOWN ROADS FOR 1953

Spring Hill Road—Cut curve, graded, gravel, cut brush.
Mountain Road—Grading, gravel, relaid 2 culverts, cut brush.
South Road—Relaid 2 culverts, grading, blasted stone, cut brush.
Swamp Road—Graded, cut brush.

Clark Road—Graded, gravel, cut brush, replaced bridge, 2 new culverts.

Greenleaf Road—Treated with asphalt, cut brush.

Temple Road—TRA; treated with asphalt, cut brush.

McCoy Road—Treated with asphalt, graded, blasted stone, cut brush.

Cross Road—Graded, cut brush.

Drury Road—Graded.

Spring Mill Road—Graded, cut brush.

Swamp Road—Gravel, graded, cut brush, culverts cleaned out on all roads.

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

TOWN OF SHARON—1953

Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)	\$210,246 00
Electric Plants	15,786 00
Cows	540 00
Vehicles	1,000 00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	50 00
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Total Gross Valuations before exemptions	\$227,622 00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	3,940 00
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Net Valuation	\$223,682 00
Number of veterans who received property exemption (4)	
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax (12)	

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

KENNETH D. PLIMPTON
JOHN W. DANFORTH, JR.
CHARLES R. CALEF
Selectmen of Sharon
August 27, 1953

Selectmen of Sharon
 c-o Kenneth D. Plimpton
 Rt. No. 2
 Peterboro, New Hampshire
 Gentlemen:

Your summary inventory of property valuation and statement of appropriations have been approved as revised. You may proceed with the assessment of 1953 taxes on the basis of the following revised figures:

Net Assessed Valuation		\$222,012 00
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Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$4,751 06	
Poll Taxes	66 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,817 06
Tax Rate		\$2 14

Very truly yours,
 STATE TAX COMMISSION
 By

L. B. CHANDLER
 Secretary

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Appropriation		\$500 00
Cost of cleaning fire holes	\$140 55	
Cost of new hose	123 75	
	<hr/>	264 30
Unexpended		\$235 70
Appropriation: Fire		\$100 00
Reimbursements:		
June 5, William H. Young	\$68 68	
Oct. 26, Merrill Hill	10 00	
State of N. H.	81 39	
	<hr/>	160 07
Total received for fire fighting		\$260 07
Fire cost and acreage:		
Peterborough	\$68 21	
Temple, 4 acres	59 68	
Sharon, 5 acres	23 80	
July 5, Peterborough, 1/2 acre	149 00	
Oct. 4, Sharon, 1/4 acre	64 25	
	<hr/>	\$364 94
Fire meetings and transportation		26 82
Deficit for fires		\$131 69

Respectfully submitted,
 CHESTER HURD

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Alfred Allan Guptill to Lillian Allen and Charles Walter Guptill
on May 14, 1953 in Peterborough, N. H.

MARRIAGES

John Henry Beauvais to Marie Arithmise LeClair on August 17,
1953 at Mason, N. H.

Richard Harold Wilson to Pauline Nina Underwood on December
12, 1953 at Jaffrey, N. H.

DEATHS

Nora Brady on June 15, 1953 in Sharon, N. H.

SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the School Year Ending June 30, 1953

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PART I. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

A. OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MODERATOR

John W. Danforth, Jr.

CLERK

Elizabeth R. Kimball

SCHOOL BOARD

Doris Stuhlsatz

Pearl Y. Stevens, Chairman

Elizabeth R. Kimball

Term expires 1954

Term expires 1955

Term expires 1956

TREASURER

Nora F. Calef

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Lester B. Badger

TRUANT OFFICER

Doris Stuhlsatz

CENSUS TAKER

Doris Stuhlsatz

AUDITOR

John Milton Street

B. NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

In case of emergency when it seems inadvisable to have schools in session on any day, the No-School Signal will be given by sounding the Signal 22 on the Peterborough fire alarm system at 7:30 A. M., and by having it announced over Radio Station WBZ at the same time approximately. When the No-School Signal is given, it means that there will be no school all day. If on a day when the weather looks so bad that one suspects there will be no school and by 7:30 has not heard the no-school whistle nor the no-school announcement on the radio, one can find out if there is to be no school by asking the telephone operator.

C. CALENDAR

1954

Jan. 4 Schools reopen
 Feb. 19 Schools close—Winter vacation
 Mar. 1 Schools reopen
 Apr. 23 Schools close—Spring vacation
 May 3 Schools reopen
 May 31 Schools closed—Memorial Day
 June 18 Schools close 12:15 (one session) unless time lost
 Sept. 8 Schools open
 Nov. 24 Schools close 12:15 (one session) for Thanksgiving recess
 Nov. 29 Schools reopen
 Dec. 17 Schools close—Christmas vacation (Any days lost prior to Dec. 18 to be made up week of Dec. 20)

1955

Jan. 3 Schools reopen
 Feb. 18 Schools close—Winter vacation
 Feb. 28 Schools reopen
 Apr. 22 Schools close—Spring vacation
 May 2 Schools reopen
 May 30 Schools closed—Memorial Day
 June 17 Schools close 12:15 (one session) unless time lost
 Note: 5 school days allowed for workshop,
 2 school days allowed for teachers' convention

The regulation of the State Board of Education requires 180 school days including workshop and Teachers' Convention.

D. REPORT OF DISTRICT CLERK

MARCH 2, 1953

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M., John W. Danforth, Moderator.

Article No. 1 of Warrant read: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

Action on Article No. 1. Richard Wilson nominated John W. Danforth Moderator. Nominations closed. Rose Wilson moves Clerk cast one ballot for John Danforth. Seconded by Harrison Kimball. Motion carried.

Article No. 2 of Warrant read: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Action on Article No. 2. Rose Wilson nominates Elizabeth R. Kimball Clerk. Seconded by Nora Calef. Nominations closed. Kenneth Plimpton moves Clerk cast one ballot for Elizabeth R. Kimball. Seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion carried.

Article No. 3 of Warrant read: To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Action on Article No. 3. Emily Day nominates Elizabeth R. Kimball Member of School Board for three-year term. Seconded by Nora Calef. Nominations closed. Harrison Kimball moves Clerk cast one ballot for Elizabeth R. Kimball. Seconded by Rose Wilson. Motion carried.

Article No. 4 of Warrant read: To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing year.

Action on Article No. 4. Emily Day nominates Gertrude Young Member of School Board for one year. Seconded by Wayne Lawlor. Rose Wilson nominates Doris Stuhlsatz Member of School Board for one year. Seconded by Kenneth Plimpton. Nora Calef nominates Wayne Lawlor Member of the School Board for one year. Seconded by Charles Calef. Harrison Kimball moves nominations be closed. Seconded by Kenneth Plimpton. Motion carried. Moderator opens polls for written ballots. Richard Wilson moves polls be closed. Seconded by Eunice Wilson. Motion carried. Doris Stuhlsatz elected School Board Member with 15 votes: Wayne Lawlor receiving 6 votes, Gertrude Young receiving 2 votes.

Article No. 5 of the Warrant read: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Action on Article No. 5. Rose Wilson nominates Nora Calef Treasurer. Seconded by Harrison Kimball. Nominations closed. Harrison Kimball moves Clerk cast one ballot for Nora Calef. Seconded by Lester Stevens. Motion carried.

Article No. 6 of Warrant read: To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

Action on Article No. 6. Pearl Stevens moves that the salaries of the district officers be as follows:

Chairman of the School Board	\$25.00
Each other member	10.00
Treasurer	12.00
Clerk	10.00
Moderator	2.00
Auditor	5.00

Moved by Richard Wilson to amend the motion to read: Auditor \$15.00. Seconded by Charles Calef. Moved by Kenneth Plimpton to go back to School Board Members' salaries. Seconded by Harrison Kimball. Moved by Winifred Clark to amend the motion to read: Each other member \$15.00. Seconded by Richard Wilson. Moved by Richard Wilson to amend the motion to read: Moderator \$4.00. Seconded by Charles Calef. Motion retracted by Richard Wilson. Vote on School Board Members' salaries as amended: 17 Aye; 0 Opposed. Motion carried. Vote on Auditor's salary as amended: 17 Aye; 0 Opposed. Motion carried. Moved by Kenneth Plimpton to amend the motion to read: Moderator \$8.00; Treasurer \$18.00. Seconded by Rose Wilson. John Danforth appoints Kenneth Plimpton Moderator pro tem to take the floor. John Danforth resumes the chair. John Danforth appoints Harrison Kimball Moderator pro tem to take the floor. Vote on amendment to Moderator's and Treasurer's salary: 6 Aye; 15 Opposed. Motion defeated. John Danforth resumes chair. Original motion read as amended. Motion carried 16 to 5.

Article No. 7 of Warrant read: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Action on Article No. 7. Winifred Clark moves report as printed in the Annual Reports for the Town of Sharon, N. H. 1952 be accepted. Seconded by Rose Wilson. Motion carried.

Article No. 8 of Warrant read: To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

Action on Article No. 8. Nora Calef nominates John Milton Street Auditor. Seconded by Rose Wilson. Harrison Kimball moves to close nominations. Seconded by Winifred Clark. Rose Wilson moves Clerk cast one ballot for John Milton Street. Seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion carried.

Article No. 9 of Warrant read: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Action on Article No. 9. Moved by Pearl Stevens that the school district raise and appropriate \$4,409.69 and to authorize and direct the school board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the school board exclusive of state aid, and upon the determination of the amount of state aid to be received by the school district during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the school board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from state aid and with the school district clerk certify to the selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes. Seconded by Harrison Kimball. Aye 16; Opposed, None. Motion carried.

Article No. 10 of Warrant read: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purchase of fifty folding chairs for the School House, or take any other action relating thereto.

Action on Article No. 10. Moved by Pearl Stevens that the district raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purchase of fifty folding chairs for the School House. Seconded by Winifred Clark. Moved by Edward Elliot to amend Article to read: "\$40.00 for the purchase of additional folding chairs for the School House." Seconded by Richard Wilson. Motion defeated 12 to 11. Moved by Kenneth Plimpton to amend Article to read: "\$64.00 for the purchase of additional folding chairs for the School House." Seconded by Henry Beauvais. Motion carried 17 to 1. Original motion as amended carried 19 to 0.

Article No. 11 of Warrant read: To see if the district will vote to become a member of Cooperative High School District No. 2, grades 7 through 12, as laid out by the State Board of Education, comprising the school districts of Francetown, Greenfield, Hancock, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Sharon and Temple, and take any necessary action relating thereto.

Action on Article No. 11. Pearl Stevens moves that the district become a member of Cooperative High School District No. 2, grades 7 through 12, as laid out by the State Board of Education, comprising the school districts of Francetown, Greenfield, Hancock, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Sharon and Temple. Seconded by Winifred Clark. Moved by Charles Calef that secret ballot be used. Seconded by Harrison Kimball. Motion concerning ballot carried. Floor opened for discussion of Article. 9:50 P. M.—Moderator declares five-minute recess. 9:55 P. M.—Meeting called to order by Moderator. Motion carried 18 to 11.

Resolved by Richard Wilson that a vote of confidence be taken for Superintendent Lester Badger. Resolution carried 17 to 2.

Resolved by Richard Wilson that the district give Superintendent Lester Badger a vote of confidence. Resolution carried 17 to 5.

Winifred Clark moves the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Nora Calef. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 P. M.

s/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALI District Clerk

E. SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said district on the 9th day of March, 1954, at 7 P. M. to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to sell to the Town of Sharon for \$1.00 the brick schoolhouse and lot, or take any other action relating thereto.
10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to sell to the Town of Sharon for \$1.00, the schoolhouse lot on Jarman Hill Road opposite the Jewett House, or take any other action relating thereto.

Given under our hands at said Sharon this 21st day of February, 1954.

s/PEARL Y. STEVENS

s/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALL

s/DORIS STUHLSATZ

B. SCHOOL BOARD'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGETS

	Expenditures 1952-53	Budget 1953-54	Revised Budget 1953-54	Budget 1954-55
ADMINISTRATION:				
1. Sal. of District Officers	\$96 00	\$74 00	\$94 00	\$94 00
2. Supt.'s & Helping Tchr.'s Sal.	33 50	37 00	37 00	64 00
3. Tax for State Wide Supervis.	24 00	28 00	28 00	28 00
4. Sal. of other Adm. Personnel	22 82	35 00	35 00	42 00
5. Supplies and Expenses	46 65	24 00	24 00	34 00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:				
13. Water, Light, Supp. & Exp.	34 56	35 00	35 00	35 00
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:				
14. Repairs and Replacements	9 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:				
16. Transportation	1,800 00	1,800 00	1,600 00	1,950 00
17. Tuition	2,717 92	3,435 00	2,220 00	2,105 00
FIXED CHARGES:				
19. Retirement	4 75	6 00	6 00	9 00
20. Ins., Treas. Bond & Exp.	58 41	44 00	44 00	9 00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:				
23. New Equipment	2 10	202 00*	66 00*	2 00
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Cash on hand	\$4,849 71	\$5,730 00	\$4,199 00	\$4,382 00
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TOTAL	\$5,718 31	\$5,730 00	\$5,199 00	\$4,382 00
INCOME				
Cash on hand July 1	\$23 31	\$725 31	\$868 60	\$1,000 00
Local taxes: Current				
Assessments	\$5,535 00	4,802 69	4,264 40	3,382 00
Special		202 00	66 00	
Bal. of Previous Approp.	160 00			
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	\$5,718 31	\$5,730 00	\$5,199 00	\$4,382 00

PART II. FINANCE
A. REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953	
Cash on Hand July 1, 1952	\$23 31
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$5,695 00
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Total Receipts	5,695 00
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$5,718 31
Less School Board Orders Paid	4,849 71
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1953	\$868 60

June 30, 1953.

s/NORA F. CALEF
District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Sharon of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 and find them correct in all respects.

s/ JOHN MILTON STREET
Auditor

July 15, 1953

C. RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE—1953

EXPENDITURES (1953-54)	
Current Expenditures	\$5,133 00
Capital Outlay	2 00
Special Appropriations:	
New Equipment—Folding chairs	64 00
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Total Appropriation	\$5,199 00
RECEIPTS (1953-54)	
Balance, June 30, 1953	\$868 00
Assessment Required to Meet School	
District Appropriation	4,330 40
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Total Appropriation	\$5,199 00

AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE BONDS
None

CERTIFICATES:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Sharon school district held March 2, 1953.

s/ELIZABETH R. KIMBALL

June 22, 1953.

Clerk of the School District

TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for the school year 1953-54, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board in accordance with N. H. Laws of 1951, Chapter 37, Section 2.

s/PEARL Y. STEVENS

June 22, 1953

Chairman of the School Board

PART III. CHILD ACCOUNTING AND STATISTICS

A. CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Nine pupils, as compared with fourteen last year, are attending Peterborough schools on a tuition basis. The number in 1951 was fourteen, and in 1950, twelve.

Grade 10	Lillian Guptill
Grade 8	Wayne Wilson
Grade 4	Jennie Guptill
	Alberta Stevens
	Wayne Stevens
Grade 3	Deborah Kimball
Grade 2	Pauline Guptill
	Robert Young
Grade 1	Margaret Kimball

B. CENSUS, 1953

Ages as of Children	No. of
Less than 1 year	1
1	0
2	2
3	2
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	2
8	2
9	1
10	2
11	0
12	0
13	1
14	1
15	1
16	1
17	0
Through 18	0
Total	19

The total was 20 for 1952, 23 for 1951, 17 for 1950.

